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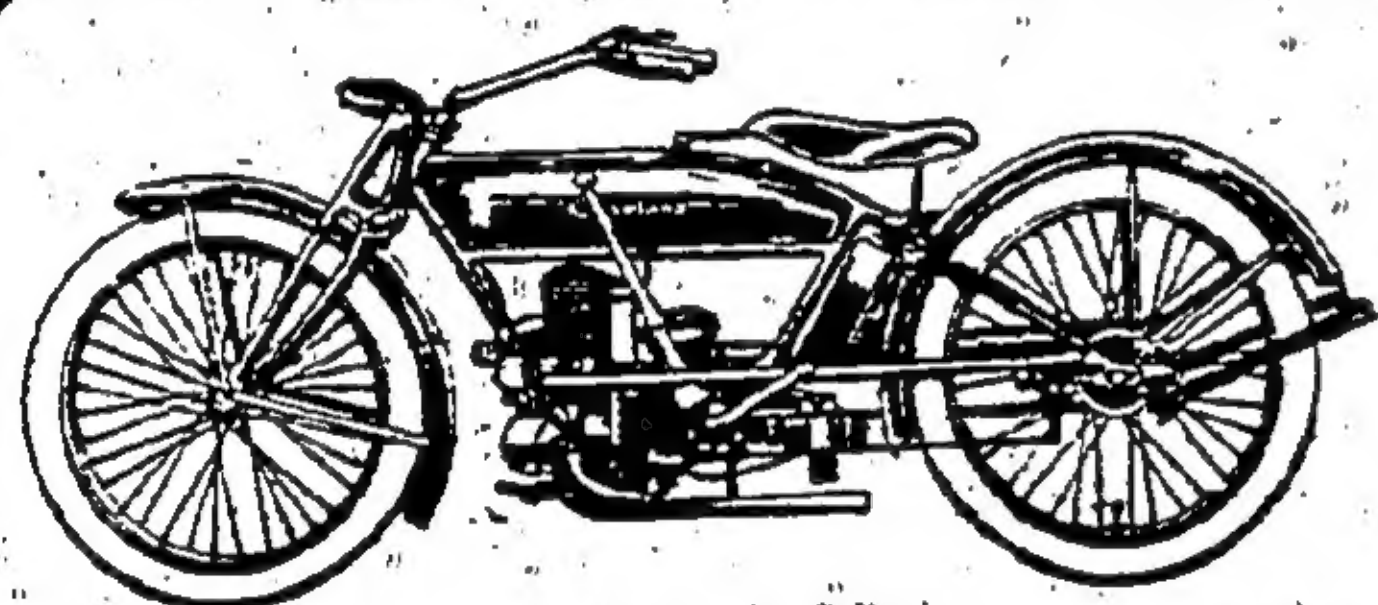
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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

### FARROW'S BANK COLLAPSE.

LONDON, December 23d.  
Mr. Thomas Farrow, chairman of Farrow's Bank, was arrested at midnight at his residence in St. Leonard's, and conveyed to London to the police station in his own motor-car. Mr. Croft's bail has been reduced to \$50,000.

LONDON, December 22d.  
Mr. Farrow appeared at the Mansion House Court and asked to see a doctor as he said he had been meeting imaginary people on the stairs. The case for the prosecution was formally opened. Mr. Farrow was remanded on \$25,000 bail, and a surety.

Mr. Hart's bail has been reduced to \$4,000.

### RACE RIOT IN BROOME.

MELBOURNE, December 21st.  
Serious riots have taken place at Broome owing to racial antipathy between Japanese and Malays. One thousand Japanese searched the town for Malays. Two Japanese were killed and three Malays were seriously injured. The authorities had to read the Riot Act.

PERTH (W. Australia), December 22d.  
The situation in Broome is now in hand. Leading Japanese sailors have apologized and offered to do all in their power to restore order. The Japanese rioters and the Malayan pearl-fishers have been segregated in different camps. Whites are patrolling the town.

### BURIAL OF BRITISH SAILORS.

THE HAGUE, December 22d.  
Corpses of British sailors washed ashore on the coast of Holland in wartime have been buried at Noordwijk and 'Gravenlande'. The British Minister and a representative of the Dutch Minister of the Navy attended both the ceremonies.

### BIG FIRM'S FAILURE.

NEW YORK, December 22d.  
The failure is announced on the Stock Exchange of Messrs. Frim, Foster and Lounsbury, who had been actively dealing in Vanadium Steel, one of the stocks involved in the slump. The failure is regarded as one of the most important of recent years.

### VILNA PLEBISCITE.

THE HAGUE, December 22d.  
The Foreign Minister has introduced a Bill authorizing the despatch of a Dutch military contingent to Vilna as part of the international corps commanded by the French Colonel Chardigny, which will occupy the region during the plebiscite to decide the fate of the territory.

### TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE.

BRUNOS ALMS, December 22d.  
Four hundred persons were killed in the earthquake in Mendoza. Several villages have been destroyed.

### PETROL CONCESSION.

BUDAPEST, December 22d.  
The National Assembly has passed a Bill granting a concession to an Anglo-Hungarian Syndicate to explore petrol and bitumen deposits.

### FIRST TEST MATCH.

SYDNEY, December 19th. (1)  
England made 281 runs. Hobbs contributed 58. Hedra 57 and Henderson 50. Australia won the match by 377.  
[There is some confusion in the dates of telegrams relating to the First Test Match, but it appears that Australia went in to bat first and compiled 281 runs. England replied with 120. Australia made 281 runs in the second innings. England scored 91 in the second innings, thus losing the match, as stated in the above telegram, by 377 runs.]

### PIUME ULTIMATUM.

ROME, December 22d.  
Signor D'Annunzio has replied to General Cavaglio's ultimatum that he does not recognize the Treaty of Rapallo, and that he has decided to resist. General Cavaglio, accordingly, has ordered a strike and sea blockade of Fiume, which will be absolutely isolated and cut off from all relief.

### RHONDDA COAL-FIELD STRIKE.

LONDON, December 22d.  
A general strike has been declared in the Rhondda coal-field, owing to eleven men not being reinstated after dismissal. Fifty thousand workers are affected.

### WORLD DISARMAMENT.

WASHINGTON, December 21st.  
In the House of Representatives, Mr. Crooks (New-Hampshire) introduced a resolution authorizing President Wilson to invite all nations to send delegates to an international convention in Washington to consider means of securing world disarmament.

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## CIRCUS TO-MORROW.

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### PROGRAMME OF ATTRACTIONS.

Christmas Day and a circus all in one! If that isn't enough to make every child in the Colony turn somersaults in sheer delight, then what is?

To-morrow is to be a double-barrelled big day for the youngsters—and for that matter, for the grown-ups, too. (There never was a properly constituted grown-up who didn't love a circus.) Boston's Royal Italian Circus, originally advertised to open in Kowloon next Monday, has moved the date ahead a couple of days. It will open to-morrow, Christmas Day, and instead of Kowloon, will appear at Ming Yuen Gardens, North Point.

There will be a rousing programme of attractions, with new acts, new animals, and "new animals" in two shows daily, at 5 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. Preceding each performance, at 4.30 p.m. and 8.45 p.m., there will be a free outside attraction that is guaranteed to give spectators a thrill. This is the sensational Slide Of Life, performed 80 feet in the air.

The big show brings many new performers to Hongkong, all of them top-notchers in their specialties. Among them are The Flying Aikons, with the reputation of being the premier flying act of Europe, in a thrilling and daring performance in the air; the Flattery Trio, in a trapeze act of remarkable skill; Signor Marasso, the great Continental Jockey; Mlle Stella, with her troupe of expert performers; The Three Brothers Nelson, in a Roman Ring Act; Mlle Nina and James Valence, classic dancers; Spuds and Susie, comedy jugglers, in their latest Act of "Jazz Juggling"; Mlle Berisco, a graceful equestrienne; and Christini, the popular musical clown.

Then there are the old favourites whose return to Hongkong is anticipated eagerly by all circus-lovers—Mexico, the Cuban Wonder, more than ever "on the wire"; Spuds, a new act of juggling and new eccentricities; Mlle Lorenz, of irrefragable fame; Giro's Anglo-Chinese troupe in new creations; and Signors Francesco Truffelli, Giovanni Truffelli, and Marco Lussardi, with their remarkable trained animals.

All in all, it promises a programme filled with entertainment, and should attract large patronage.

## ON XMAS TOYS.

"This way to the Xmas Bazaar!" What memories of Home and Xmas shopping do these words recall.

Hamley's, Gamages', Harrod's, Selfridge's and hundreds of other places where one may stroll for hours, admiring dolly animals and "Cuddly" dolls, winding up the mechanical toys and having a thoroughly good time, with understanding attendants near at hand ready to come forward if one shows signs of being unable to part with any particular toy.

It is not really the children who appreciate the Xmas toys.

Give an ordinary child a few old boxes or tins or a packet of cards and he is perfectly happy. Give him (or rather let him take without any interference) the bottom of a hat stand for a box, and he will spend blissful hours rowing to Shanghai or England or whatever place at that moment takes his fancy.

Of course he enjoys new toys, but he only has a transitory affection for them.

On the other hand note the forethought of a parent buying Xmas toys.

"John is really old enough now for Mechano," his fond parent will remark, gazing admiringly at the various pieces and models of this most delightful of all mechanical toys. One has an instantaneous picture of John's F.P. spending Saturday afternoon in the nursery with the Mechano which John, once it has been bought for him, has been found still too young to tackle.

"What a lovely humming top!" I really must get that for Mary," says her mother, though Mary, aged two and a bit, cannot possibly manipulate it herself.

And then the bricks. Of course the babies must have bricks, lots of them, and naturally the parents must show them how to build. But whatever the babies do they must keep out of the way until Daddy or Mother have added the last brick to the huge tower which tiny fingers are about to knock down!

"Take the children round the toy shops at Xmas time and though they will enjoy it immensely, I think you will find that the grown-ups are the proper babies."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

A GREETING FROM ST. DUNSTON'S.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir.—This is the Season of Greetings and Gifts.

May I send to your readers Greetings and ask them to send to me Gifts?

These Greetings will, I hope, give real pleasure. They convey the gratitude of the soldiers blinded in the War for the sympathy and help which has come to them from all parts of the World. They carry the news that all we hoped for from the training given at St. Dunstan's is being justified by these blinded men in the very wonderful success that they are making of their lives.

I do not think that anyone would say it gets easier to be bravely blind as the years go on. It becomes easier to do things in the dark, but the demand on the will to keep pace with normal life grows greater rather than lessens. Constant effort is extraordinarily exacting, and it is really splendid how the men meet this demand on themselves, keep up their interest in everything and maintain their notable record as workers; some in offices, some practising as masseurs, some as poultry-farmers, and others as expert craftsmen.

There are still more than five hundred men learning to be blind in our classrooms and workshops.

Besides those actually blinded on the battlefields, 23,000 men were discharged from the Army with seriously damaged sight, and, unfortunately, many of the St. Dunstan's. We are dealing, too, with a number of men whose health does not enable them to make such quick progress as others. At the same time it becomes increasingly difficult to find for the men who are ready to stand on their new life suitable homes; there is the universal shortage of houses and a great scarcity of such small properties as the poultry-farmers need. Thus the difficulty and expense of settling the men has increased while we have to face enormously multiplied costs in providing for those who are our guests, in maintaining our convalescent and holiday homes, and in carrying on the ever-increasingly important work of the After-Care of the blinded soldiers.

We have also now to meet the expense of moving our headquarters—the offices for the organisation required to look after nearly 2,000 men, and also the classrooms and workshops. The House with its beautiful grounds so generously lent by Mr. Otto Kahn as a Hostel is no longer available; fortunately, however, we have been able to find for our new quarters another house in Regent's Park—a place which for several generations has been the London Home of the Marquesses of Bute. The interior has been adapted for offices, and in the gardens the classrooms and workshops have been re-erected. The place is near the Lake, on which the blinded soldiers have taken so much pleasure in rowing, and both from the point of view of fresh air and of opportunities for unimpeded exercise the situation is ideal.

This starting again in the creation of a new training centre for the blinded soldiers has, however, been no small matter, and it adds to the reasons already referred to which prompt this appeal for the generous help of your readers.

The blinded soldiers have created a magnificent record: the plans for helping them back to normal life have worked out better, I think, than anyone dreamed would be possible. I think, too, there is no one who realises what the gift of sight means, and what blindness must mean, who would not wish to help on this work which St. Dunstan's has undertaken.

I trust that any of your readers who are so generous as to respond to this appeal will forward their contributions to me at St. Dunstan's Headquarters, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1. Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR PRABSON,

Chairman—Blinded Soldiers and Sailors' Care Committee.

November 18, 1920.

A successful whist drive was held last evening at the Catholic Men's Club. There was a good attendance, and the arrangements for the comfort of the guests were, as usual, excellent. The following were the prize-winners—Ladies: 1. Miss Fife, 171; 2. Mrs. Reynolds, 171; 3. Mrs. Prickett, 168; 4. Miss Fife, Mrs. Cheesley, 142. Gentlemen: 1. Mr. Murphy, 183; 2. Mr. Jarvis, 177; 3. Mr. Sampson, 175; 4. Mr. Osborne, 174; 5. Mr. Frize, 173. Mr. Dawson, 173. Mr. R. Spalding performed the duties of M.C., and the prizes were presented by Mr. R. W. Brown.

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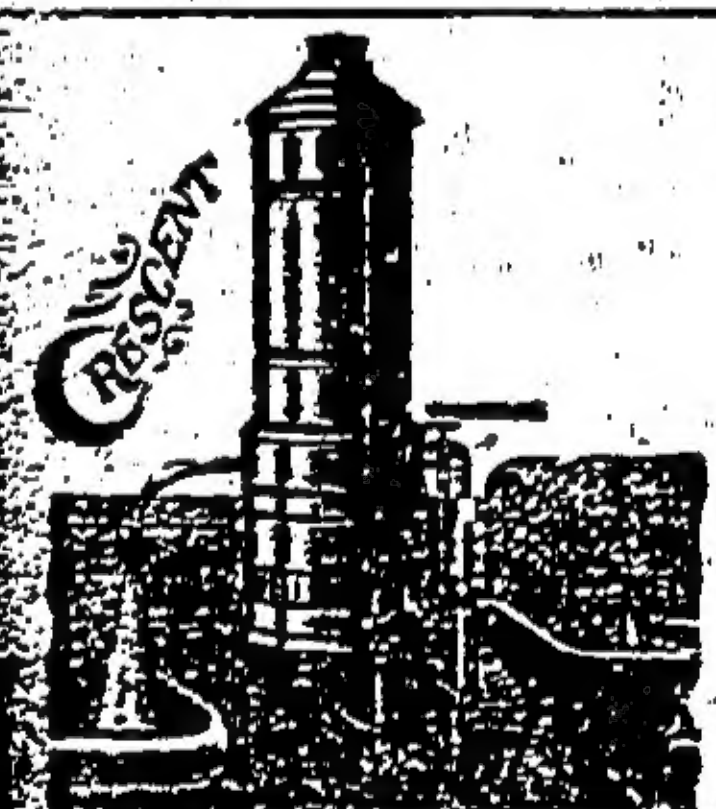
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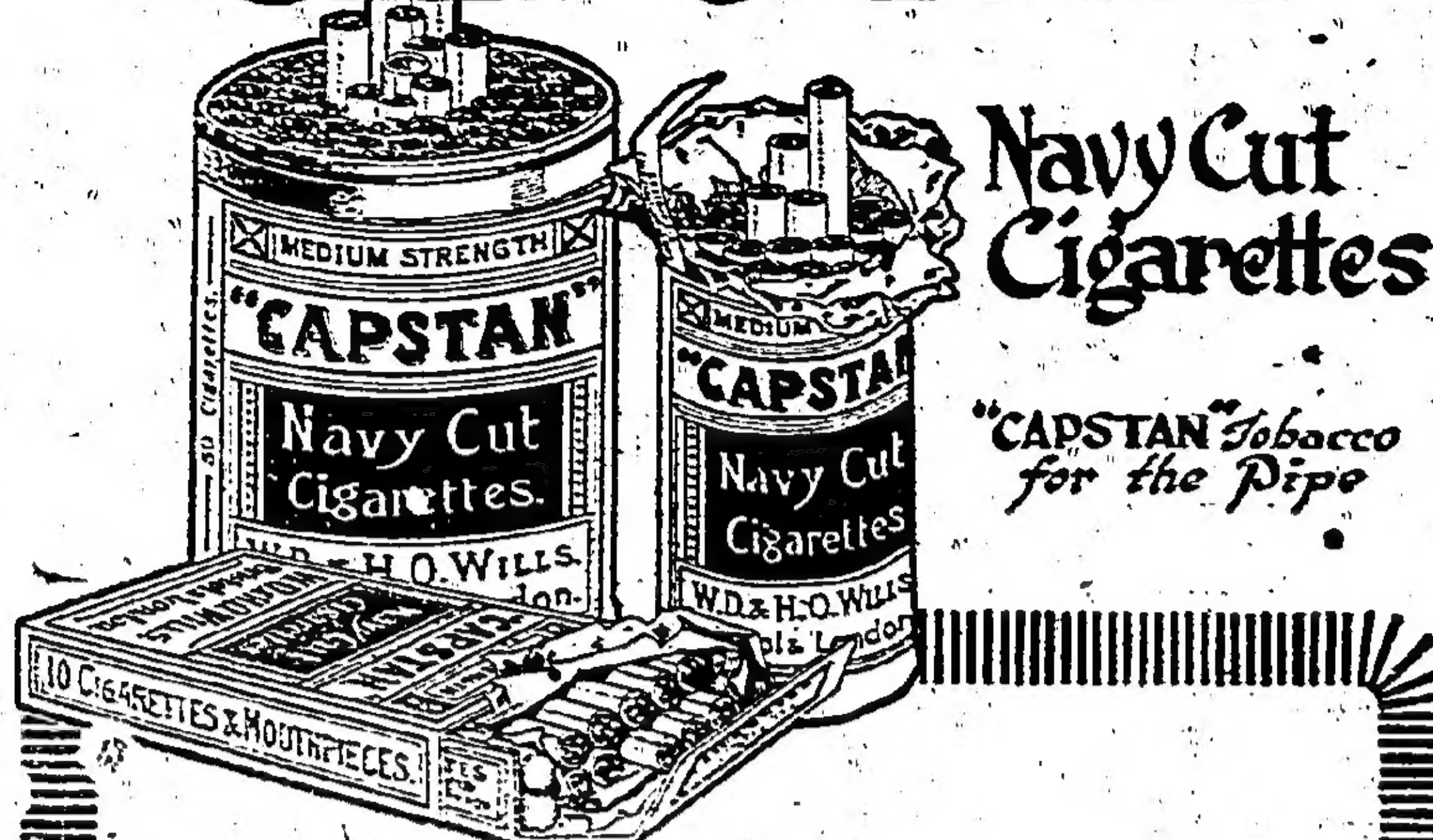
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London, November 11.—It did not  
seem an unknown warrior whose  
body came on the gun carriage down  
Whitehall where we were waiting  
for him. He was known to us all. It  
was one of "our boys," not warriors,  
as we called them in the days of  
darkness, lit by faith.To some women, weeping a little  
in the crowd after an all-night vigil,  
he was their boy who went missing one  
day and was never found till now,  
though their souls went searching  
him through dreadful places in the  
night.To many men among those packed  
densely on each side of the empty  
street wearing ribbons and badge  
on civil clothes, he was a familiar  
figure—one of their comrades, the  
one they liked best, perhaps, in the  
old crowd, who went into the fields  
of death and stayed there with the  
great companionship.It was the steel helmet, the old  
"tin hat," lying there on the crimson  
of the flag which revealed him in-  
stantly, not as a mythical warrior  
aloof from common humanity, a  
shadowy type of the national pride  
and martial glory, but as one of those  
fellows, dressed in the drab of khaki,  
stained by mud and grease, who went  
into the dirty ditches with this steel  
hat on his head and in his heart the  
unspoken things, which made him  
one of us in courage and in fear, with  
some kind of faith not clear, full of  
perplexities, often dim in the watch-  
words of those years of war.So it seemed to me, at least, as I  
looked down Whitehall and listened  
to the music which told us that the  
unknown was coming down the road.  
The band was playing the old "Dead  
March in Saul" with heavy drum-  
ming, but as yet the roadway was  
clear where it led up to that altar of  
sacrifice as it looked, covered by two  
flags, hanging in long folds of scarlet  
and white.About that altar cenotaph there  
were little groups of strange people,  
all waiting for the dead soldier.  
Why were they there?**THE GREAT AWAIT HIM.**There were great folk to greet the  
dust of a simple soldier. There was  
the Archbishop of Canterbury and  
the Bishop of London and other  
clergy in gown and hood. What  
had they to do with the body of  
a soldier who had gone trudging  
through the mud and much like one  
ant in a legion of ants, unknown to  
fame, not more heroic, perhaps, than  
all his pals about him, not missed  
much when he fell dead between the  
tangled wire and the shell holes?There were great Generals and  
Admirals, Lord Haig himself, Com-  
mander in Chief of our armies in  
France, and Admiral Beatty, whoheld the seas; Lord French of Ypres,  
with Home of the First Army and  
Byng of the Third, and Air Marshal  
Trenchard, who commanded all the  
birds that flew above the lines on the  
mornings of enormous battle.These were the high powers, infi-  
nitely remote, perhaps, in the imagina-  
tion of the man whose dust was now  
being brought toward them. It was  
their brains that had directed his  
movements down the long roads  
which galled his feet, over ground  
churned up by gunfire, up duck  
boards from which he slipped under  
his heavy pack if he were a foot  
slogger, and whatever his class as a  
soldier ordained at last the end of  
his journey, which finished in a grave  
marked by a metal disk—"un-  
known."In life, he had looked upon these  
Generals as terrifying in their power  
"for the likes of him." Sometimes,  
perhaps, he had saluted them as they  
rede past. Now they stood in  
Whitehall to salute him, to keep  
silence in his presence, to render him  
homage, more wonderful, with  
deeper reverence than any General  
of them all had had.There were Princes there about  
the cenotaph, not only of England  
but of the Indian Empire. These  
Indian rajahs, that old white-bearded,  
white turbaned man with the face of  
an Eastern prophet—was it possible  
that they, too, were out to pay hom-  
age to an unknown British soldier?There was something of the light of  
Flanders in whitehall. The tattered  
ruins of Cloth Hall at Ypres used to  
shine white. A mist, suffused as  
the walls and turrets of the War Office  
in this mist of London. The tower  
of Big Ben was dim through the mist  
like the tower of Albert Church until  
it fell into a heap under the fury of  
gunfire.Presently the sun shone brighter  
so that the picture of Whitehall was  
etched with deeper lines. On all the  
buildings flags were flying at half  
mast. The people who kept moving  
about the cenotaph were there for  
mourning, not for mere pageantry.  
The Grenadier officers, who walked  
about with drawn swords, wore crape  
on their arms. Presently they passed  
the word along, "Reverse arms,"  
and all along the line of route soldiers  
turned over their rifles and bent their  
heads over their butts. It was when  
the music of the Dead March came  
louder up the street.**THE KING STANDS ALONE.**  
A number of black figures stood  
in a separate group apart from the  
Admirals and Generals, people of  
importance to whom the eyes of the  
crowd turned while men and women  
hip-toed to get a glimpse of them.  
The Prime Minister and Ministers  
and ex-Ministers of England were  
there—Asquith, Lord Carson and  
other statesmen who in those years of  
conflict were responsible for all the  
mighty effort of the nation, who  
stirred up its passion and emotions,  
who organized its labour and service,who won that victory and this peace.  
I thought the people about me stared  
at them as though conscious of the  
task that is their's, now that peace is  
the test of victory.But it was one figure who stood  
alone as the symbol of the nation in  
this tribute to the spirit of our dead.  
As Big Ben struck three-quarters  
after ten the King advanced toward  
the cenotaph, followed by the Prince  
of Wales, the Prince's two brothers,  
and the Duke of Connaught. And  
while the others stood in line looking  
toward the top of Whitehall the King  
was a few paces ahead of them alone  
waiting motionless for the body of  
the unknown warrior who had died  
in his service.**CROWD STILLED BY EMOTION.**It was very silent in Whitehall.  
Before the ordered silence the dense  
lines of people had kept their places  
without movement and only spoke  
little in their long time of waiting,  
and then as they caught their first  
glimpse of the gun-carriage were  
utterly quiet, all heads were bared  
and bent. Their emotion was as  
though a little cold breeze were pass-  
ing. One seemed to feel the spirit of  
the crowd. Above all this mass  
of plain people something touched  
one with a sharp, yet softening  
thought.The massed bands passed with  
their noble music and their drums  
thumping at the hearts of men and  
women. Guards with their reversed  
arms passed and then the gun car-  
riage with its team of horses halted  
in front of the cenotaph where the  
King stood, and every hand was  
raised to salute the soldier who died  
that we might live, chosen by fate for  
this honour which is in remembrance  
of that great army of comrades who  
went out with him to no man's land.The king laid a wreath on this  
coffin and then stepped back again.  
Crowded behind the gun carriage  
in one long vista was an immense  
column of men of all branches of the  
army and navy moving up slowly  
before coming to a halt, and behind  
again other men in civilian clothes,  
and everywhere among them and  
above them flowers in the form of  
wreaths and crosses.Then all was still, and the picture  
was complete framing in that coffin  
where the steel hat and the King's  
sword lay upon the flag which draped  
it. The soul of the nation at its  
best, purified at this moment by this  
emotion, was there in silence about  
the dust of that unknown.Guns were being fired somewhere  
in the distance. They were not loud,  
but like the distant thumping of  
guns on a misty day in Flanders  
when there was "nothing to report,"  
though on such a day, perhaps, this  
man had died.Presently there was a tap off wait-  
ing like the cry of a banisher. "It was  
a siren giving the warning of silence  
in some place by the river."

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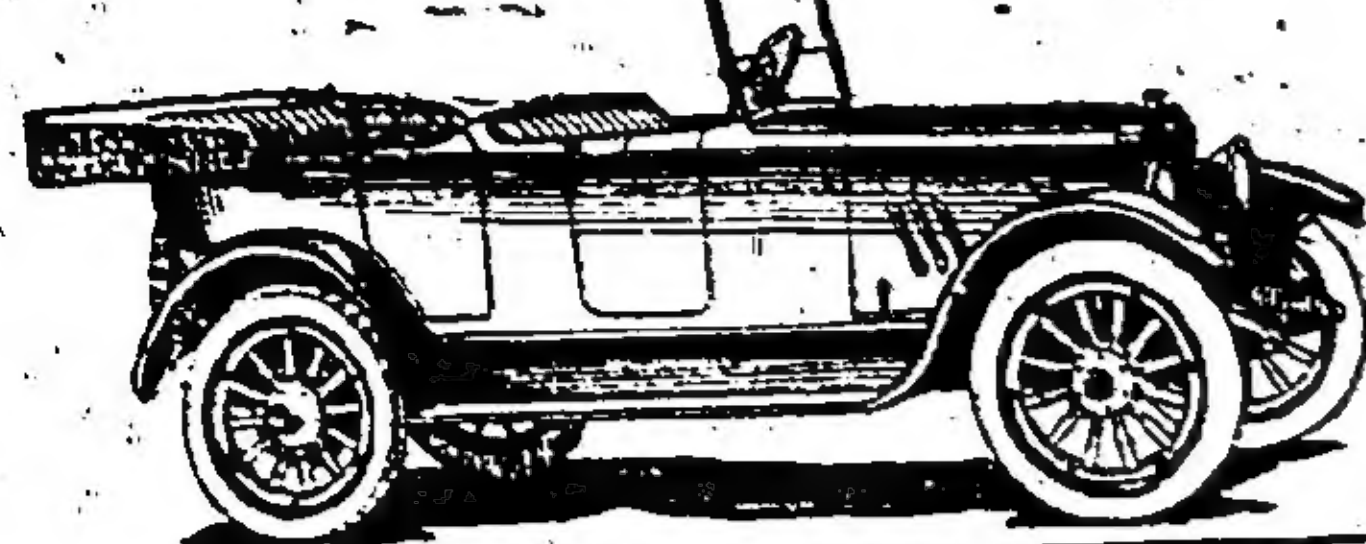








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The cause of the outbreak is at present a mystery.

## SPORT.

## HOLIDAY CRICKET.

## UNIVERSITY v. CLUB DE RECREIO.

The following will represent the University in the above Friendly Match to be played on the University Ground on Monday, 27th inst. at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—D. R. Samy (Capt.), K. S. Cheah, C. H. Yeoh, S. H. Onz, B. C. Lee, T. O. Yeow, E. H. Lim, M. K. Yee, M. B. Osman, H. M. Soo and W. Yuen.

## UNITED SERVICES v. HONGKONG.

What promises to be a very interesting game of cricket has been arranged for Boxing Day between teams representing the United Services and Hongkong. The following have been chosen to play for the Services:—Lt. Franks, R.N. (Capt.), Lt. Com. Greig, R.N., Com. Stanley, R.N., Rev. Purcell, R.N., Lt. Stewart, R.N., Lt. Com. Drew, R.N., Capt. Davies, R.G.A., Capt. Oliver, R.G.A., Major Baginall, R.G.A., Lt. Graham, R.G.A., Major Edwards, R.E.

## GRAND CHARITY MATCH.

## CIVILIAN V. SERVICES.

Under the auspices of the Hongkong Football Association a grand charity match has been arranged for Monday, December 27, at 4 p.m., on the Club ground. The match will be between two teams representative of the civilian teams in the Colony and of all the Service teams playing in any league.

Civilian Team—Roger (Club), Wheeler (Kowloon), and Chan So (South China); of Lung Yung-tong (S.C.A.), Forbes (Police), and McPhail (Club); Hamilton (Club), Macfarlane (Club), Hamilton, Robertson (Police), J. Clark (Police), and Evelyn (Kowloon).

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## CAPTAIN'S CLUB DRAW.

Following is the draw for the Play Off of those who qualified for the Captain's Cup 1920—W. D. Kratt (3) v. R. M. Smith (Scr.), F. S. Harrison (4) v. H. G. Bagnall (Scr.), "Bye" T. R. Chassels (8) v. P. T. Kilgour (12), "Bye" F. Maitland (11) v. F. A. Dinsdale (14), N. L. Smith (7) v. D. Reid (18), D. J. Valentine (8) v. J. E. Warner (5).

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The Civilian team will play in white and the Services team in blue. The proceeds will go to St. Dunstan's Hospital for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

## HOLIDAY SEASON.

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

## HOW HONGKONG WILL SPEND THE HOLIDAYS.

To-morrow is Christmas Day. Generally throughout the Colony, the Christmas holiday begins this afternoon and lasts until Tuesday. Every one said good-bye to his office to-day, with the knowledge that he had three clear days ahead. Christmas Day, Sunday, and Boxing Day, in which he would be free—and promptly set out to forget office and business in the festivities which the season offers.

Judging by present indications, it looks like a fine Christmas. First of all is the fact that the calendar has been considered enough to arrange things in such a manner that a three-day holiday is provided. It doesn't do this every year. And then there is the weather. Who could ask for a finer day than this? Santa Claus is likely to get into difficulties if he tries to come to Hongkong tonight in the way he seems to prefer to come, whirling through a snow storm with a great tinkling of sleigh bells. There will be no snow storm. Instead, it promises to be a moonlight night, bright as crystal, and just cool enough for a comfortable stroll. To those who have been accustomed to Christmas Days in the North, with their snow and cold, it will be a novel experience to spend a Christmas in Hongkong, with its temperate weather and its wealth of rich green foliage. But Christmas is Christmas, whether there be snow or tropical heat, and Santa Claus is used to adapting himself to circumstances. At any rate, he is sure to come probably in a mother-of-pearl airship, with the moonlight glistening on its iridescent wings.

And then there are the various attractions offered by the hotels and places of amusement, and the many opportunities for enjoyment tendered by the unrivalled facilities of the island—all to enable the pleasure-seeker to extract the most out of his holiday.

Chief among the special functions arranged for the holiday season are the dinner dances at the Hongkong Hotel and the Repulse Bay Hotel. To-night (Christmas Eve) and Monday night (Boxing Day) there will be dinner dances at the Repulse Bay Hotel that promise to be brilliant affairs. The hotel has recently enlarged its dance floor, until now it has a dancing area of 6,000 square feet. It is without question the most charming dancing spot in the East.

These nights, with the moonlight shining on the hills and lighting up the bay with silver fire, the hotel and setting are doubly beautiful. Similarly, in all the world there are few motor drives as gorgeous in scenery as the drive out to the hotel. The dinner dances to-night and Monday night will be special occasions, which means that every possible provision will be made by the hotel to insure that visitors will be excellently entertained.

To-morrow night (Christmas Day) there will be a big dinner dance at the Hongkong Hotel. Judging by the number of table reservations, the hotel will be crowded to capacity. It goes without saying that the hotel has made all sorts of extra arrangements to take care of its large patronage, and the indications are that the function will be quite the largest and gayest of its kind that Hongkong has ever witnessed.

For the convenience of the public, especially with regard to the heavy travel that may be expected between the city and Repulse Bay Hotel, announcement is made by the Captain, Superintendent of Police that the usual restrictions on motor traffic between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. will be removed to-night, to-morrow night, Monday night, and the night of December 31.

Another opportunity of entertainment that is bound to bring pleasure to a large number will be Bostock's Royal Italian Circus, which will open to-morrow at Ming Yuen Gardens, North Point, for a short season. There will be two performances a day, at 5 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. It brings a number of old favourites, and many new performers who have been spoken of highly, and everything indicates that it will be a first-class exhibition.

Both the Coronet and Hongkong Theatres will have special Christmas shows at convenient hours. At the Coronet there will be performances to-day, to-morrow, and Monday at 2.30, 5, 7.15, and 9.15 p.m.

and on Sunday at 5 and 9.15 p.m. The pictures it has for its Christmas showing are Harold Lloyd, supported by Mildred Davies, in "Haunted Spooks," and Tom Moore and Mae Marsh in the Cinderella Man. In addition there will be the Coronet Review.

Many people will take advantage of the superb opportunities for outdoor enjoyment to take sailing cruises among the islands, hunting trips in the New Territories, and long walks over the hill roads on the island of Hongkong. The weather at this time of the year is generally ideal for all three diversions.

Others will go to Canton and Macao for the holidays. Both trips are easily and comfortably made, and offer splendid opportunities for entertainment. Canton is proving especially popular as a place to visit at Christmas, all the boats being booked to capacity.

There will be special Christmas services on Christmas Day, as well as on Sunday, in the Churches. To-morrow at St. John's Cathedral there will be Holy Communion at 6.45 and 7.45 a.m., Matins at 11, and Holy Communion at noon; while on Sunday there will be Holy Communion at 7.50 a.m., Matins at 11; Litany at noon; and Evensong with special Christmas music at 6 p.m. At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. and Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

A Christmas Eve service will be held this afternoon at 5.30 at St. Peter's Church, West Point. To-morrow and Sunday there will be Christmas Communion at 8 a.m. and Sung Eucharist and Procession at 11. Military Services will be held by the Church of England on both days at various places and hours, and the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, opposite the Royal Naval Hospital, also will hold a Christmas Day Service at 10.15 a.m., besides its Sunday services.

Monday (Boxing Day) will be given up to sport, and the Happy Valley grounds no doubt will be crowded. The principal features of the day will be the Grand Charity

football match at Happy Valley, Services vs. Civilians, in aid of St. Dunstan's home for Blinded Sailors and Soldiers, and the Cricket match, United Services vs. Hongkong, at the Hongkong Club Grounds.

Caught in the act of carrying away a pump and a spanner from the Central Fire Station yesterday, a Chinese caused some amusement in Court this morning when he attempted to meet a charge of theft with a pretence of insanity. He was not convincing enough, however, to prevent Magistrate Smith from sending him to jail for one month.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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## LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

LONDON, December 23rd.

Lord Robert Cecil, who was South Africa's representative in Geneva, interviewed by Reuter at his home in Sussex where he is recuperating from a slight indisposition after his labours in the League of Nations, expressed the opinion that the most important decision of the Assembly of the League was the creation of the International Court of Justice. The future depended entirely on the personal force of the judges. A number of States had already agreed to refer minor international disputes to the court, whose jurisdiction was, therefore, already largely compulsory. Next in importance came the admission of the new States into the League. It was a good augury for the future reconstitution of the world that the ex-enemy countries, Austria and Bulgaria, were admitted unopposed. The question of the admission of Germany would be determined on the principle laid down in the case of Bulgaria, namely, whether she was sincere in her intention of observing her international obligations.

The Assembly's recommendations regarding disarmament were most valuable. If they were carried out, a far-reaching proposal was that a civilian commission should be appointed to sit with the existing military commission to make suggestions for the limitation of armaments, while the recommendations to ratify the Arms Trade Conventions, signed in Paris, last year, should provide a real check to the sale of arms. These Conventions would already be effective, but for "the unreasonable action of the United States in declining to be bound by them."

As regards the economic blockade, a simple machinery had been devised by which the Secretary-General would notify to the Council should there be any occasion for its use, in order to secure members immediately breaking all political and economic relations with the Covenant-breaking State.

Considerable progress was made with the question of mandates. The Council settled for a permanent mandates commission to which all reports from the mandatory powers would be sent. The Mandates Commission would consist of nine members, five from non-mandatory States for individual competence. Further, the Council settled "C" mandates, namely, the Pacific Islands and South-West Africa, but though it is understood that the draft mandates were before the Council, Lord Robert Cecil expressed the opinion that it was most desirable that these drafts should be published forthwith, in order that the world might know and criticize the proposals. The "B" mandates would be nearly identical as their provisions were closely defined in the Covenant, but the "A" mandates for ex-Turkish possessions in Asia, which were based on independent native Governments, advised by the mandatory, would now arise difficult considerations. There were certain difficulties as regards "A" mandates, but the sooner they were published the sooner would the difficulties disappear. Lord Robert Cecil emphasized the fact, in this connection, that if the Council wanted public support, it must ensure greater publicity.

The question of the League's finances occupied much time of the Assembly. A number of smaller nations, including the Dominions, advanced the legitimate grievance that they had to bear a disproportionate share of the expenses. Lord Robert Cecil declared that the standard would undoubtedly be changed so, or before, the next Assembly, on the terms that any change made should be agreed to. Much criticism was also levelled at the League's expenditure, but this was unavailing. The League was costing £1,000,000 annually, and the cost was spread over 42 States, which was a small premium for insurance against war, but a large proportion of the money came from the British Empire, the smaller part of which paid much too large a share. Even so, this was infinitesimal compared to the cost of war.

Lord Robert Cecil concluded that it was little short of a miracle that 42 countries had been brought in close co-operation on equal terms in so short a time. Their daily meetings had already moved an immense number of national misunderstandings. The Assembly, he declared, had been an unqualified success, this view point justifying the increased confidence in the future of the League.

LONDON, December 22nd.

Mr. Lloyd George, presiding at the House of Commons luncheon by the Dominions' delegates to the Geneva Assembly of the League of Nations said that much had already been accomplished by the League. It had raised the status of labour throughout the world. Its most conspicuous work was the establishment of the International Court of Justice, but the League would not achieve real progress till all the nations were represented in it. He believed that Germany desired to carry out her treaty obligations. There would be no obstacle to her admission if she made her desire quite manifest. He was most hopeful that America would join. This was essential, because disarmament was impossible until all the nations were in the League. He congratulated the representatives of the Empire on the prominent part they had played in the first Assembly of the League of Nations.

Mr. Lloyd George coupled the toast of the delegates with the name of Sir George Foster, of Canada, and regretted the absence of Mr. Millen and Lord Robert Cecil.

Replying to the toast, Sir George Foster said that two things specially marked the deliberations of the Assembly: firstly, unity of purpose, for the great was in the minds of all the delegates was to carry out the principles of the League; and, secondly, sanity of judgment in the proceedings. There was not a shadow of difference between the delegations as regards the inclusion of every nation in the League. He concluded that as a result of the Geneva Conference the position of the "Empire" was stronger to-day than it has ever been.

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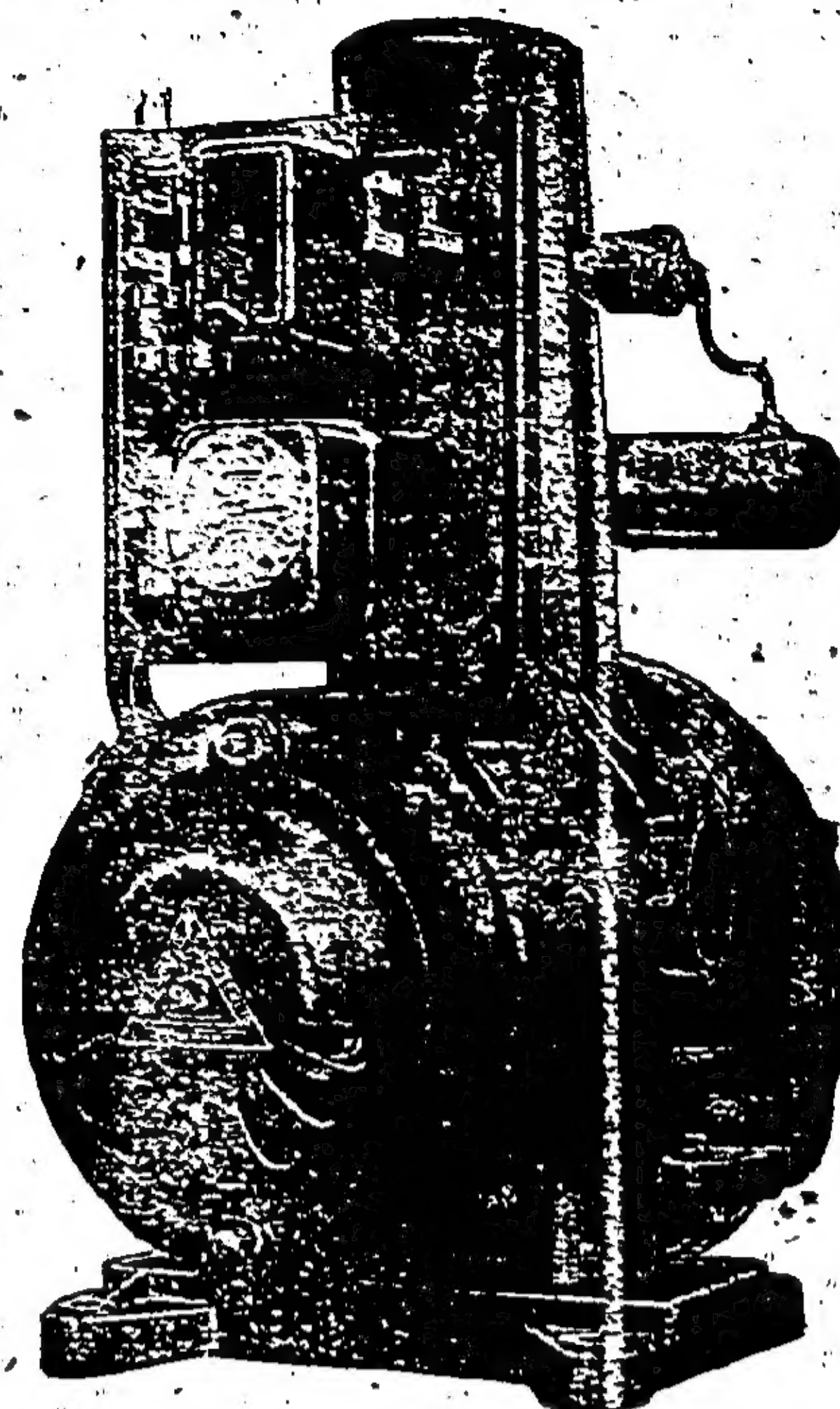
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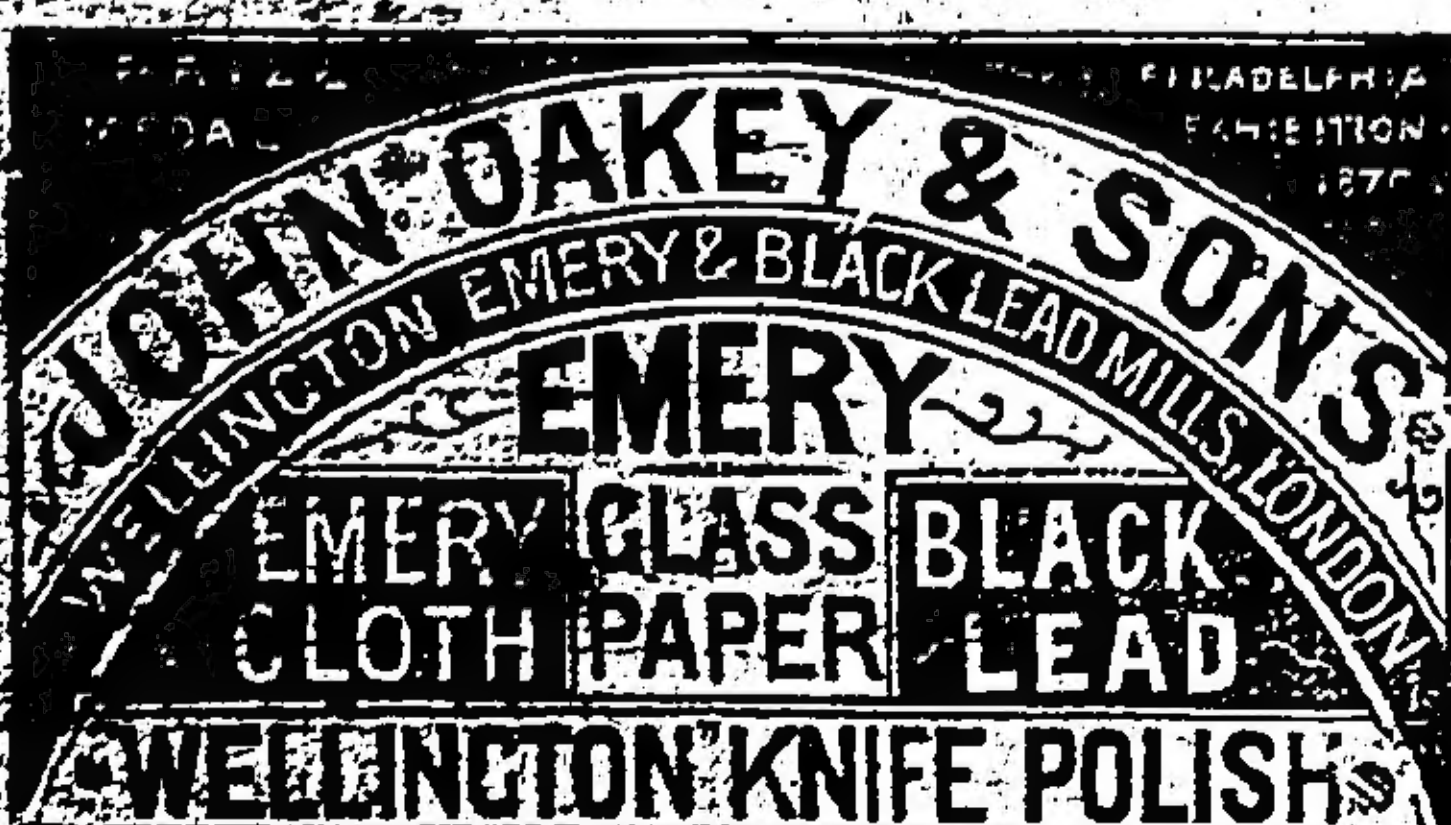
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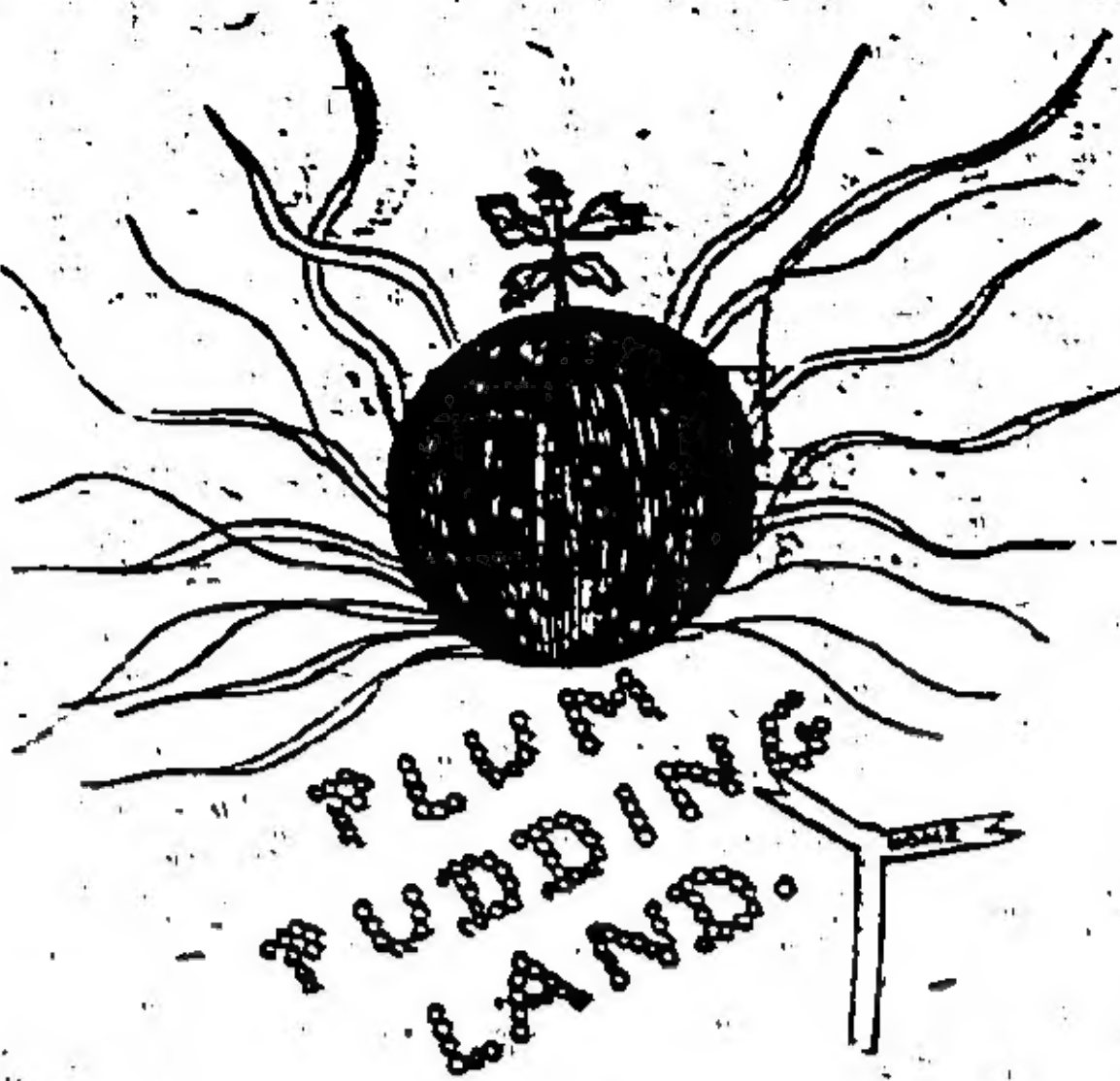
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## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

## CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

Only a tiny rhyme to-day  
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A Merry Xmas to you dears,  
A happy jolly time (no tears!)

With Xmas trees and games and  
toys  
And heaps of fun, dear girls and  
boys.

PETER PAN.

## PLUM PUDDING LAND.

Mary was spending a delightful  
Christmas Day.

In the morning, as soon as she  
was awake, she sat up and looked  
round for her stockings. There it  
was, hanging on the end of the bed,  
full of surprises.

Then, after breakfast, she and her  
three brothers and sisters helped  
their mother to decorate the rooms  
with holly and mistletoe and after  
that they went to church.

They were all hungry when they  
came home again and were quite  
read to eat the big turkey. After  
that the room was made dark and  
the plum pudding was brought in,  
all on fire, and everyone cried  
"Hurrah!"

Later on, in the afternoon, the  
whole family was called into the  
drawing room. In the middle of the  
room was a huge Christmas tree,  
covered with shiny balls and orna-  
ments and long chains of glittering  
tinsel and there were heaps of lighted  
candles too.

Piled up on the floor round the  
tree were parcels of all sizes, some  
big and some tiny, and you can  
imagine the excitement of unrolling  
them all.

Mary was very tired at the end  
of the day and as soon as she was  
in bed she shut her eyes and fell fast  
asleep. And in the twinkling of an  
eye she was in Dreamland and this  
is what she saw.

She stood at the side of a road and  
there was a signpost near by where  
the road divided into two. This sign-  
post had two arms. On one was  
written "This way to Plum Pudding  
Land" and on the other "This is  
the way home again to-morrow."

"Why I thought that I was at  
home now," said Mary to herself.  
"But at any rate Plum Pudding Land  
sounds nice. I'll go that way."

So off she went down the road  
which was made all of almonds and  
raisins fitting into one another like  
paving stones. There was a high  
hedge of holly on each side, so high  
that it was impossible to see over it  
and it was much too prickly to climb.

It was rather dark too, until she  
turned a corner. Then there was a  
sudden blaze of light.

"Whatever can it be?" thought  
Mary and then she saw in front of  
her a huge plum pudding on a big  
white dish, which was covered with  
flames. She heard someone sing-  
ing—

"Come along, come this way,  
On this bright Xmas Day.  
The pudding is ready,  
So one, two, three, steady,  
Jump over the flames.

And join in our games.  
The door opens wide,  
Come now, come inside."

And then she saw that ever so  
many tiny fairies were playing in the  
fire, peeping each other with the  
flames and laughing and dancing  
with glee.

The next minute a door opened  
in the side of the plum pudding.  
Some of the fairies ran inside and  
three or four came up to Mary,  
holding out their hands and calling  
out, "Come, come quickly. In two  
minutes the door will shut again!"

"But I can't possibly jump over  
those big flames," cried Mary.

"Oh yes, you can get over easily  
enough," said one of the fairies.  
"What have you in your pocket?"

"Why a spoon!" answered Mary,  
feeling in her pocket. "What a  
queer thing to find there."

"Not at all," replied the fairy.  
"You never know what you may  
find in your pocket. But now come  
along. Cut a path for yourself and  
then you will soon reach the door."

"Oh I see," said Mary, and she  
scraped up the flames and threw  
them on one side and in a minute  
was at the door of the plum pudding.

"Well done, Mary," she heard  
some tiny voices saying and about  
twenty currants, with twinkling  
black eyes and neat little black coats  
came hurrying to meet her.

Mary looked all round and thought  
that she had never seen such a queer  
place. The walls were black and so  
was the floor and it was so soft that  
her feet sank in it. There were heaps  
of little windows of all sizes and  
shapes made of bits of candy  
peel. Currants and raisins and  
sultanas were running and dancing  
all over the room, turning somersaults  
and laughing so much that one or  
two cracked down their sides, but it  
did not seem to hurt them.

In one corner were a number of  
beds made of suet and on these, with  
their heads on flour pillows, lay some  
tired looking sultanas.

"Who are those please?" Mary  
enquired of a jolly looking currant,  
who came frisking along.

"Did you speak to me?" he  
answered. "My name is Plump and  
except at this time of the year I be-  
long to the Bun Family. How do you  
do?" And he stretched out a fat  
black hand.

"How do you do," said Mary  
politely, shaking hands. "I was  
asking you who those people are in  
bed."

"Oh those," Plump replied in a  
whisper. "They are very old and  
got into this place by mistake so we  
thought that the best thing to do was  
to put them to bed out of the way."

"Of course," Mary agreed. "It  
wouldn't do to let old sultanas. It  
might make children ill to eat."

She broke off hastily as she re-  
membered that she was speaking to  
a currant.

"That's all right," Plump said with  
a broad grin. "No one really eats  
plum puddings though they may  
think they do."

"Whatever do you mean?" asked  
Mary in a surprised tone of voice.

"Well it's like this," Plump went  
on. "But sit down while I tell you  
all about it."

"Thank you," said Mary, and  
she sat down on a comfortable apple  
bench which was near by.

"I know that most people imagine  
that they eat plum pudding," con-  
tinued Plump. "But it is all a mis-  
take. To begin with it is much too  
rich and would upset everybody if  
they did eat it. At Christmas time  
there are hundreds and thousands of  
tiny fairies flying about who are  
called the Spirits of Enjoyment. No-  
body can see them but people do  
sometimes hear them whispering close  
by their ears."

When the plum puddings are put  
on the table these Spirits are waiting  
close by with invisible baskets and  
when anyone is going to put a spoon-  
ful of pudding in his mouth they  
snatch it away and afterwards take  
it back to Plum Pudding Land, ready  
for the next Christmas."

"But I am sure I have tasted plum  
pudding!" cried Mary in surprise.

"Oh no, you haven't really," re-  
plied Plump. "The Spirits of En-  
joyment sometimes put a piece of  
pretending pudding in its place and  
that is called 'Sugar and Spice and  
all that's nice' and it is a very good  
pudding indeed."

Just then Mary heard a great com-  
motion and when she looked round  
she saw that there was someone  
trying to fight his way through a  
number of currants who were sur-  
rounding him.

"I don't want to leave this nice  
warm place," she heard a silvery  
voice saying. "I am going to hide  
and no one is to stop me. Let me  
go I say!"

"Why whoever is it?" Mary  
asked Plump.

"It's only Thimble," he answered.  
Every year there is this same trouble.  
First of all he grumbles because he  
says that the pudding sticks to him  
and spoils his bright coat. Then he  
says that he does not want to leave  
this warm place and that he will not  
be put on a cold plate. And then—  
naughty boy—he says that whoever  
finds him is sure to wash him and  
that he hates being washed. You  
see he rather fancies himself because  
he has a fine silver coat and leads a  
lazy and comfortable life as a rule,  
spending most of his time in silk-  
lined workbaskets."

At that minute Thimble began to  
scream louder than ever, but he  
stopped at once when a sprig of  
holly with an angry red face came  
along.

"What is all this fuss about Thim-  
ble?" asked the holly, and Plump  
whispered to Mary "Holly is the  
Head of Pudding Land and always  
takes the top place, so now he will  
put things all right again."

"If you please, My Lord Holly  
Berry," said Thimble in a much  
quieter voice, "I was going to hide  
because I do not want to leave your  
beautiful land for the Cold Plate  
Country. May it please Your Majesty  
to allow me to remain in the warm  
spot?"

"Oh that is the trouble, is it?"  
Lord Holly Berry replied, looking  
less annoyed. But you know, Thimble,  
that it is a boon which at this time  
of the year it is not possible to grant.  
However, there must be peace and  
quiet here. Call Lady Ring," he  
added, turning to Plump.

Plump bowed and ran off as fast  
as his fat little legs would carry him.  
In less than two seconds he was  
back again, leading by the hand a  
slender golden ring, with a bright  
happy face which it did one good to  
see.

"My Lord," said Golden Ring, "I  
am here at your request."

Very good, "Lord Holly Berry  
went on, smiling graciously at her.  
Will you help me this year, by stay-  
ing in the same place as Thimble and  
keeping each other company?"

"Of course, My Lord," Golden  
Ring replied. "I will do what you  
wish." Then turning to Thimble  
she took him by the hand and said,  
"Come dear friend, we will find a  
comfortable spot where we can sit  
and talk together, and if we have to  
wander off to Cold Plate Land we  
will go together and so will not be  
lonely."

"I do not mind at all if you are  
with me, Golden Ring," Thimble said  
in a sweet voice and off they went  
hand in hand.

"That is one difficult matter set-  
tled," Mary heard Lord Holly mutter  
to himself. The next minute he  
looked round and gave a loud cry of  
"My people, it is nearly over!" and  
all the currants, sultanas and raisins  
began to run about faster than ever,  
crying, "It's over! It's over! Quick—  
let us enjoy ourselves up to the last  
minute."

And they turned somersaults and  
laughed and jumped about until  
Mary, who seemed to be in the  
middle of a whirling mass of them,  
was quite giddy.

"But what is over?" she cried to  
Plump, when she could make him  
hear through all the din.

"Why Christmas Night of course,"  
Plump shouted in her ear. "All our  
fun is finished for this year."

"But how do you know that?"  
asked Mary.

"Look!" cried Plump, pointing to  
the walls. "And see what is happen-  
ing to you too. You are off to the  
Really and Truly Land again."

Mary had only just time to see  
that the candy peel windows were  
dropping to bits and the flames were  
streaming in, before she realised that  
the apple bench on which she was  
sitting was sinking down into the soft  
black floor. Down, down she went  
and she had to shut her eyes and  
mouth tight because of the sticky  
pudding.

When she opened her eyes once  
more she was back in her own bed at  
home.

PETER PAN.

See if any of your friends can guess  
these!

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THINGS.

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What people keep in their boots. Trees.

A game and an imaginary animal. Snapdragon.

The answer to a roll call. Present.

What Jack Horner pulled out and something to eat. Plum pudding.

A meat dish and a letter of the Greek alphabet. Mince pie (pi).

A loud noise and what people sometimes say when they stop to think in the middle of a sentence. Crack-cr.

A parent and a birthday. Father Christmas.

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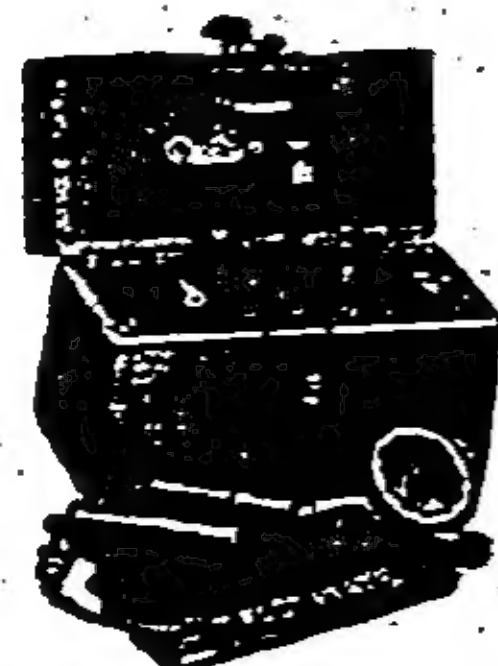
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NO WORK IN SHANGHAI.

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Inspector Spear, of the Water Police,  
charged three seamen, Frank Miller,  
William Mason, and Arnaldo Fer-  
reira, American, Canadian and Portu-  
guese respectively, with having stow-  
ed away on board the Admiral Line  
s.s. "Montague," from Shanghai.  
The accused all pleaded "guilty."  
Inspector Spear said that the ac-  
cused gave themselves up to the  
Captain a few hours after the ship  
had left Shanghai. Questioned by  
the police, two of the accused said that  
they were left behind in Shanghai by  
their ships. The other man said that  
he was paid off in Shanghai. All  
three said that there were upwards of  
50 unemployed seamen in Shanghai  
at present. In view of the futility of  
attempting to find work there, they  
had decided to do anything to leave  
Shanghai rather than be frozen to  
death there.

Magistrate Orme enquired what  
would be done with the accused after  
he had dealt with them.

The Inspector said that undoubtedly  
Miller and Ferreira would be sent  
back to Shanghai by their respective  
Consuls while Mason would be sent  
back at the local Government's ex-  
pense as a D.B.S. (Distressed British  
Seaman).

The Magistrate passed sentence of  
21 days' hard labour each.

With the exception of one case  
of diphtheria, the Colony was free  
from notifiable disease yesterday.

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traffic between 1 and 6 a.m. will be  
renewed on the nights of December  
24, 25, 27, and 31.

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Holy Communion at 6.45 and 7.45 a.m.

Mass at 11 a.m.

Responses, Psalms, Venite, Magnificat

(2nd); Psalm 119 (Monk), 85 (Turle);

Te Deum, Oakeley in F; Benedictus,

Haverall (7th even); Anthem,

"Arie, shine," Elvey; Hymns, 60,

68, 62; Holy Communion (13 noon).

DECEMBER 28TH 1920

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.

Mass at 11 a.m.

Responses, Psalms, Venite, Magnificat

(2nd); Psalm 119 (Monk), 85 (Turle);

Te Deum, Woodward, Smart, Turle;

Benedictus, Garrett; Hymns, 66

(T. 2nd), 66.

Liturgy 12 Noon.

Evening at 6 p.m.

Cathedral and Auxiliary Choirs.

Responses, Psalms, Venite, Magnificat

(verses 1, 5 in union); Magnificat,

Goss (7th even); Hymns, 11, 11, 11,

Haverall (7th even); Anthem,

"Arie, shine," Elvey; Carol, 1,

"God rest you," v. 3, 4, Treble, v. 5,

6 Tenors and Basses; 6, "First

Nowell," v. 8 Tenors and Basses;

"Good Christmas Man," Inter-

lude, Pastoral, Wely; Carol, 10

"Good King Wenceslas," (as set);

14, "What Child is this?" 17, "A

Child is born," v. 2 Tenors, v. 3, 4

Tenors and Basses; Hymns, 68

"Arie, shine," Elvey; Voluntary,

Choral Song and Fugue, Wesley.

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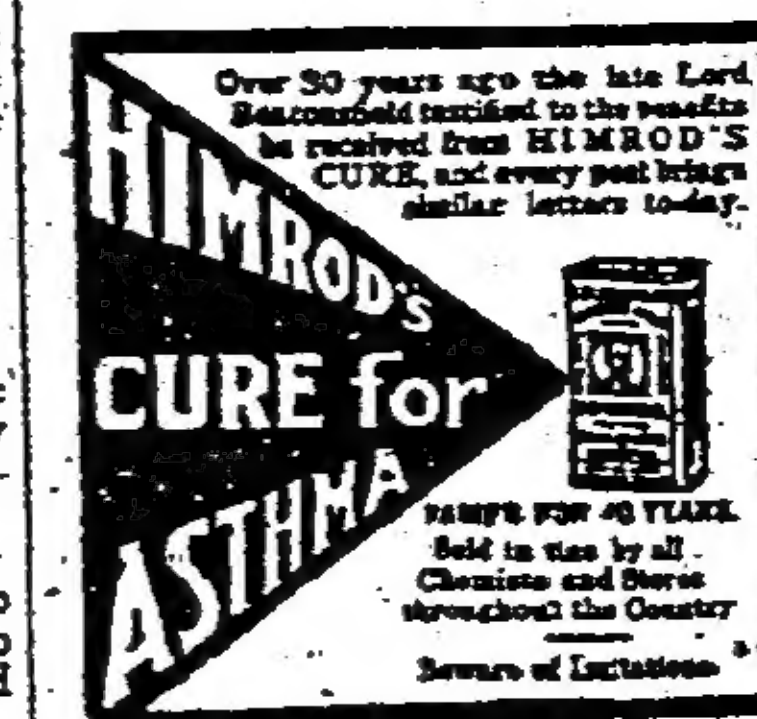
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## "UNKNOWN WARRIOR."

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The deep notes of Big Ben struck  
11 and then the King turned quickly  
to a lever behind him, touched it and  
let fall the great flags which had  
draped the altar. The centaph  
stood revealed, utterly austere except  
for three standards with their gilt  
wreaths.

It was a time of silence. What  
thoughts were in the minds of all the  
people, only God knows, as they  
stood there for those two minutes  
which were very long.

There was dead stillness in White-  
hall, only broken here and there by  
the coughing of a man or woman,  
quickly hushed.

## WHO WAS THE UNKNOWN?

The unknown warrior! Was it  
young Jack, perhaps who had never  
been found? Was it one of those  
fellows in the battalion that moved  
up through Ypres before the height  
of the battle in the bogs?

Men were smoking this side of  
Ypres. One could see the glow of  
their cigarette ends as they were  
halted around the old mill house at  
Vlamertinghe. It rained after that,  
beating sharply on tin hats, pour-  
ing in sports down the water-proof  
coats. They went out through  
Mennin Gate. Shelling began along  
the duck boards by Westhoek ridge,  
gas shelling every old thing.

Fellows dropped into the shell  
holes full of water. They had their  
picks on, all their fighting kit. Some  
of them lay there in pits where the  
water was reddish.

There was a lot of unknown war-  
riors in the bogs by Glencorse Wood  
and Lavencose Copse. They lay by  
upturned tanks and tank in slime.  
Never how fellows used to drop and  
never give a sound, so that their  
pals passed on without knowing.

In all sorts of places the unknown  
warrior lay down and was not  
quickly found. In Boulton Wood  
they were lying after the battle  
among the river trees. On the  
fields of Somme they lay in  
the churned-up earth, in High  
Wood and Delville Wood and this  
side of Loupart Wood. It was queer  
one day how the sun shone on Lou-  
part Wood, which was red with Au-  
tumn tints, old "Boche" was there  
then, and the wood seemed to have a  
thousand eyes staring at our lines  
newly dug. An airplane came through  
the fleecy sky, wonderfully careless  
of the black shrapnel bursting about  
it. Wonderful things, those airplanes.

So the man about it wasn't good to  
stumble in that ground, barbed wire  
here one hands damnable. There was  
a boy lying in a tangle of barbed  
wire. He looked as though he was  
asleep, but he was dead all right. An  
airplane passed overhead with a loud  
humming sound.

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